

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method of making a solid electrolyte for rechargeable cells, comprising:

preparing a ~~an electrolyte~~ film having a thickness of 10 to 200  $\mu$ m and microporous structures by a process including:

dissolving a mixture of an absorbent and a polymer binder in a solvent for the polymer binder,

making the resulting solution into a film,

exchanging the solvent with a non-solvent for the polymer binder, and

drying the resulting material; and

introducing into the film an ion conductive liquid electrolyte in an amount of 30 to 90 % by weight based on the total weight of the electrolyte including liquid electrolyte,

wherein said electrolyte film contains an absorbent having a particle size not more than 40  $\mu$ m in an amount of 30 to 95 % by weight based on the total weight of the electrolyte film under the dried condition that no liquid electrolyte is contained therein.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A ~~solid electrolyte for rechargeable cells~~ method according to Claim 2, in which

said solid electrolyte is prepared by an activation procedure in which an ion conductive liquid electrolyte is absorbed into said electrolyte film, and

said ion conductive liquid electrolyte is obtained by dissolving one or two or more lithium salts selected from the

group consisting of  $\text{LiClO}_4$ ,  $\text{LiBF}_4$ ,  $\text{LiPF}_6$ ,  $\text{LiAsF}_6$ ,  $\text{LiSCN}$ ,  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{LiN}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2$  and  $\text{LiC}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_3$  in a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more organic solvents selected from the group consisting of ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, dimethylcarbonate, diethylcarbonate, ethylmethylcarbonate,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, 1,3-dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, 2-methyltetrahydrofuran, dimethylsulfoxide, sulfolane,  $N,N$ -dimethylformamide, diglyme, triglyme and tetraglyme in a concentration of 0.5M to 2M.

5. (currently amended) A ~~solid electrolyte for rechargeable cells~~ method according to Claim 2, in which

said absorbent is a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more selected from the group consisting of porous polymer particles such as polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyurethane, pulp, cellulose, cork and wood powder; mineral particles such as clay, paragonite, montmorillonite and mica; synthetic oxide compounds particles such as zeolite, porous silica and porous alumina; mesoporous molecular sieves having 2 to 30 nm of pore diameter made of oxide compounds or polymers; and other commercially available absorbents;

said polymer binder is a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more selected from the group consisting of copolymers of polyvinylidene fluoride, vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene, copolymers of vinylidene fluoride and maleic anhydride, polyvinylchloride, polymethylmethacrylate, polymethacrylate, cellulose triacetate, polyurethane, polysulfone, polyether, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene oxide, polyisobutylene, polybutylidene, polyvinylalcohol, polyacrylonitrile, polyimide, polyvinyl formal, acrylonitrilebutyldiene rubber, ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer, tetraethyleneglycol diacrylate, polydimethylsiloxane, polycarbonate and silicon polymer, or their copolymer;

said solvent for dissolving polymer binders is a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more solvents selected from the group

consisting of N-methylpyrrolidinone, dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile, cyclohexanone, chloroform, dichloromethane, hexamethylphosphoramide, dimethylsulfoxide, acetone and dioxane; and

said non-solvent for the polymer binders is a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more selected from the group consisting of water, ethanol, ethylene glycol, glycerol, acetone, dichloromethane, ethylacetate, butanol, pentanol, hexanol and ether.

6. (currently amended) A ~~solid electrolyte for rechargeable cells~~ method according to Claim 5, in which said absorbent is a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more selected from the group consisting of mineral particles, synthetic oxide compounds particles and mesoporous molecular sieves.

7. (currently amended) A method for making a lithium rechargeable cell, ~~which is obtained by the following steps of comprising:~~

dissolving a mixture of an absorbent and a polymer binder in a solvent for the polymer binder,

making the resulting solution into a film,

exchanging said solvent with a non-solvent for the polymer binder and drying it to form a microporous electrolyte film containing the absorbent,

assembling the resulting electrolyte film together with a cathode and an anode separately prepared to form a cell, and then

subjecting the resulting cell to absorb an ion conductive liquid electrolyte.

8. (currently amended) A ~~solid electrolyte for rechargeable cells~~ method according to Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, in which:

said solid electrolyte is prepared by an activation procedure in which an ion conductive liquid electrolyte is absorbed into said electrolyte film, and

said ion conductive liquid electrolyte is obtained by dissolving one or two or more lithium salts selected from the group consisting of  $\text{LiClO}_4$ ,  $\text{LiBF}_4$ ,  $\text{LiPF}_6$ ,  $\text{LiAsF}_6$ ,  $\text{LiSCN}$ ,  $\text{LiCF}_3\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{LiN}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_2$  and  $\text{LiC}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2)_3$  in a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more organic solvents selected from the group consisting of ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, dimethylcarbonate, diethylcarbonate, ethylmethylcarbonate,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, 1,3-dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, 2-methyltetrahydrofuran, dimethylsulfoxide, sulfolane, N,N-dimethylformamide, diglyme, triglyme and tetraglyme in a concentration of 0.5M to 2M.

9. (currently amended) A ~~solid electrolyte for rechargeable cells~~ method according to Claim 3, in which:

said absorbent is a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more selected from the group consisting of porous polymer particles such as polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyurethane, pulp, cellulose, cork and wood powder; mineral particles such as clay, paragonite, montmorillonite and mica; synthetic oxide compounds particles such as zeolite, porous silica and porous alumina; mesoporous molecular sieves having 2 to 30 nm of pore diameter made of oxide compounds or polymers; and other commercially available absorbents;

said polymer binder is a mixture ~~of~~ comprising one or two or more selected from the group consisting of copolymers of polyvinylidene fluoride, vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene, copolymers of vinylidene fluoride and maleic anhydride, polyvinylchloride, polymethylmethacrylate, polymethacrylate, cellulose triacetate, polyurethane, polysulfone, polyether, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyethylene oxide, polyisobutylene, polybutylidene, polyvinylalcohol, polyacrylonitrile, polyimide, polyvinyl formal,

acrylonitrilebutyldiene rubber, ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer, tetraethyleneglycol diacrylate, polydimethylsiloxane, polycarbonate and silicon polymer, or their copolymer;

said solvent for dissolving polymer binders is a mixture of comprising one or two or more solvents selected from the group consisting of N-methylpyrrolidinone, dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile, cyclohexanone, chloroform, dichloromethane, hexamethylphosphoramide, dimethylsulfoxide, acetone and dioxane; and

said non-solvent for the polymer binders is a mixture of comprising one or two or more selected from the group consisting of water, ethanol, ethylene glycol, glycerol, acetone, dichloromethane, ethylacetate, butanol, pentanol, hexanol and ether.